

REMARKS

Claims 6, 14 and 16-21 are pending in this application, of which Claims 6 and 21 are independent. Claims 1-5 and 8-13 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 19 and 20, dependent from allowed Claim 6, and Claim 21, which is an apparatus claim corresponding to method Claim 6, have been added to assure Applicant a fuller measure of protection of the scope to which he deems himself entitled.

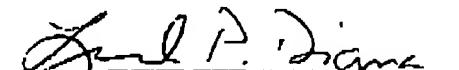
Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 6, 14 and 16-18, and submits that all the claims now in the application are in condition for allowance. Applicant notes that dependent Claims 19 and 20 are supported at least by the disclosure at page 69, lines 3-7, and page 70, lines 16-23. In addition, Claim 21 differs from allowed Claim 6 in being an apparatus claim, that recites means for performing the steps of Claim 6 (a single means recitation is used for both the inputting steps of Claim 6; this is not believed to affect the allowability of Claim 21).

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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